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Chief Master Sgt. David Stuppy

## Splish, splash I was taking a bath ...

AFGHANISTAN - This A-10 Thunderbolt II looks like it's enjoying the cleaning given by Airman 1st Class Russell Spurlin, aircraft electrician (on the ladder), Airman 1st Class Michael Mendez, communication and navigation Airman, (foreground), and Staff Sgt. Tom Puckett, the aircraft's crew chief, with the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The harsh and dusty environment in Afghanistan gets into every part of the aircraft and a good scrubbing is the only way to keep the A-10 clean. All the aircraft will be washed before returning to their Davis-Monthan Air Force Base home station.

## ESOH CAMP provides key to installation stewardship

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Clark  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan leadership is striving to ensure base personnel are placing the proper emphasis on installation stewardship through the Environmental Safety, Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program.

"ESOH CAMP is not an inspection, it's a self-assessment used by the Air Force to help ensure ESOH compliance, build supporting financial programs and help commanders assess the status of their ESOH programs," said Tim Jackson, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron ESOH program manager. "Everyone within the fence line can be

— See **ESOH CAMP**, Page 3

## New 355th Wing command chief arrives

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Clark  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The command chief master sergeant of the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., will become the new 355th Wing command chief Monday.

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief, said, "It's a great honor and a great pleasure to represent the enlisted men and women in the 355th Wing. You are members of the greatest Air Force in the world, and each and every one of you is very important to our Air Force mission. Mission success depends on trust and understanding among unit members.

"This trust begins with a leadership that is willing to get to know personnel and understand their issues and concerns. It is a personal goal to get to know the

— See **Chief**, Page 4

## Thunderbolt 04-01 notification

Military treatment facilities are resourced to support the healthcare of all active duty members. As such, these facilities should administer and manage the healthcare of our Airmen. Even with this benefit, some Airmen choose to seek healthcare from civilian sources at personal expense. This causes readiness/force health issues and can inhibit D-M's ability to deploy and fight when called.

Air Force Instruction 41-210, Patient Administration Functions, requires active duty Airmen to notify their servicing MTF within three days of civilian medical care treatment received at personal expense. Additionally, active duty Airmen must arrange for the civilian medical facility to send a summary of treatment to the servicing MTF. In other

words, active duty members are required to tell their assigned doctor about any downtown appointments and provide copies of civilian medical records so they can be included in military health records at the 355th Medical Group.

Active duty Airmen must be prepared to deploy and fight when called. A vital part of readiness is being medically fit. If treatment and medications have been received from off-base, the base healthcare provider must know so it can be determined if the treatment or medications impair readiness.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Cindy Cohen, 355th Medical Support Squadron, at 228-2649. For more information on Thunderbolt 04-02, see page 16 and Thunderbolt 04-03, see page 4.



Airmen Christina Kinsey

Alfred Creque from the Blanchard Golf Course tries to sell Col. Larry Stutzriem, 355th Wing commander, some golf balls at the spring sidewalk sale.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747.

An e-mail can also be sent to: [355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil).

Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the Desert Airman. Anonymous calls may not be published.

### Agency numbers

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### Unit PT schedules

**Concern:** I'd like to thank all of the fitness staff for their hard work and keeping our gyms open for use. As we've all noticed, the use of gym facilities has increased significantly, especially during peak hours.

While it is encouraging to see the squadrons are working as a team to increase overall fitness amongst our population, the large masses of personnel who converge on the gyms during what appears to others as random times can be overwhelming for many personnel.

**Response:** With increased focus on physical fitness and being prepared to deploy when called upon, the fitness center has seen an increase in the usage of the facilities, especially with units working together.

In order to continue encouraging individuals to follow their personal workout programs, while meeting the scheduling needs of unit physical training, we have posted the unit PT schedules at the front desk of each fitness facility.

The schedule shows the request by the units for certain areas to conduct physical training. In addition, the peak hours for the fitness center are approximately 5:30 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

We are continually seeking ways to help individuals as well as units participate in physical training to ultimately be healthy and prepared physically to accomplish the

mission when called.

### Barber Shop hours

**Concern:** I was wondering if it would be possible to have the hours at the Barber Shop at the Mirage Officers' Club posted. You go by there and they're closed at 4 p.m. and there are no hours posted so you know when you can go by and get a haircut. I think it would be a good idea to have official hours posted so people know what to expect.

**Response:** Thank you for your comments concerning the operating hours of The Mirage Barber Shop. We are aware that many Airmen and members of the Davis-Monthan community depend on the services we offer on base, such as haircuts at the barber shop and we are 100 percent dedicated to meeting the needs of all our Airmen.

The operating hours are currently posted at the main entrance to The Mirage and more recently were posted at the entrance to the barber shop. The current operating hours for the barber shop are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will also ensure that they are open during the hours as they are posted.

Thank you again for bringing this oversight to our attention and we look forward to your continued patronage. If you have any further questions or concerns about The Mirage, please contact Juan Conde, The Mirage manager, at 228-3301.

## Davis-Monthan Unit Public Affairs Representatives

Unit Public Affairs Representatives are the "eyes and ears" of the 355th Wing Public Affairs office. Each squadron has unique individuals that have interesting stories to tell, whether it is about sports, awards, lifesaving acts, IDEA program contributions, etc.

Stories also include units making improvements to the methods or processes that they use or to squadron facilities or community areas via self help projects.

UPARs are responsible for getting the information to PA in a usable format and in a timely manner.

The Public Affairs staff focuses on issues that effect the base populace in general and UPARs judge the input for newsworthiness or

unique human interest appeal before forwarding it to the PA staff.

Public Affairs utilizes UPARs to better tell a squadron's story. UPAR responsibilities include:

◆ Provide news ideas as well as write and shoot photos of unit activities for submission to the base newspaper;

◆ Review and solicit Hometown News Release submissions;

◆ Review squadron submissions to the base marquee and Commander's Access Channel (COX Communications Channel 75)

◆ Seek volunteers for tours and speaking engagements

### D-M Unit Public Affairs Representatives

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## ESOHHCAMP

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looked at."

Every third year an Air Combat Command team of ESOH professionals assess the base's vulnerabilities to enforcement actions through an external assessment, said Mr. Jackson. The base must comply with federal and state environmental laws. Installations that are out of compliance with these laws can receive enforcement action and may be fined.

D-M is scheduled to have an external assessment from June 21 to 25.

During a year in which ACC does not visit a base, an internal assessment with base personnel is conducted. To ensure the correct practices are in place before ACC visits in June, an internal assessment will also be conducted here from April 26 to 30.

An ESOHCAMP committee chaired by Maj. Ron Broden [355th Maintenance Operations Squadron] and comprised of representation from all groups and tenants on base are tasked with implementing internal assessments, said Mr. Jackson.

An ESOHCAMP team consists of base volunteers with ESOH backgrounds such as unit environmental coordinators, unit safety representatives and other personnel who deal with occupational safety and health. The team works strictly on internal assessments. They spend a week performing the assessments through interviews, collecting data, conducting document reviews and comparing shop practices against established standards and compliance requirements.

Assessments usually focus on industrial areas or process such as vehicle, aircraft and facility maintenance. Additionally, the team looks at things like safety and occupational health programs, hazardous waste management and recycling programs, said Mr. Jackson.

"The findings are written up and the team gives suggested corrective action. Root causes

to the findings are evaluated and a report is delivered to the base," said Mr. Jackson.

"Over the last several months, ESOHCAMP program managers and I have been conducting no-notice visits around the base. We've seen many outstanding programs as well as some programs requiring immediate commander involvement," wrote Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing vice commander, in a recent ESOHCAMP memorandum.

"We owe it to ourselves and to our future Airmen to take care of the assets that prepare us to deploy and to fight when called," wrote Colonel Spencer. "Environmental awareness and the ESOHCAMP program are a 24 hours a day, seven days a week affair."

"D-M has a strong positive history with ESOHCAMP and our goal is to continue that," said Mr. Jackson. "It is a continuous process that requires everyone's constant involvement from the highest to the lowest ranking people."

For more information on potential ESOHCAMP violations in the work place, contact Mr. Jackson at 228-5928, or visit <https://intranet> and link to the Environmental Protection page listed under the miscellaneous category.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. John Walton, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, practices proper container storage.

## News Notes

### Black Heritage Association

The BHA is scheduled to hold a meeting April 9 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Mirage Officers' Club to vote for committee officers. For more information on the positions, the constitution or by-laws, contact Tech. Sgt. Robin Hawkins at 228-2688 or Shonda Stripling at 794-7219.

### Legal office closure

The 355th Wing Legal Office will be closed Tuesday for office training. Military and family members facing short notice temporary duty assignments or deployments may call Capt. Timothy Rushenberg at 228-5242 for assistance.

### Reserve TAMP

The Reserve Transitional Assistance Management Program is extending TRICARE eligibility from 60 or 120 days to 180 for some members of the Reserves who are eligible for benefits under the Transitional Assistance Management Program. Family members are also eligible for the extended TRICARE benefit if they are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. For more information, visit the Web site [www.tricare.osd.mil/faqs](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/faqs) and use keywords TAMP or Reserve.

### Base theater closure

The base theater will be closed Monday through April 12 for complete renovations.

### Equipment available at DRMO

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office has free equipment and supplies available to Department of Defense organizations in need including clothing, refrigerators, furniture, vehicles and more. DRMO is open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil).

### Beautification, Clean-Up Week

Family Housing will be holding Beautification and Clean-Up Week from April 26 to 30. There will be prizes for the top three most improved houses and yards. Judging will be held the week of May 3.

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airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at  
**850-2233**

10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and  
4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.



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Casualty Assistance.....228-3686  
(After duty hours).....228-3121  
Duty Chaplain.....228-5411  
(After duty hours).....228-3517  
Fire Reporting.....911  
Public Affairs.....228-3204  
(After duty hours).....228-7400  
Fraud Waste and Abuse.....228-3177

Base Operations.....228-4315  
Mortuary Officer.....228-5964 or 4414  
(After duty hours).....228-3121  
Command Post.....228-7400  
355th Security Forces Crime Stop..228-4444  
Safety.....228-5558  
(After duty hours).....909-0316  
Base locator.....228-3347  
TIPS Line.....228-TIPS (8477)

## 78 Days until the ESOHCAMP assesment

Compressed gasses cannot be stored in a flammable locker with other flammable or combustible materials.

## Chief

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enlisted men and women assigned to D-M. I want to know who you are, where you live, where you work, if you are married, how your life is and what I can do to make it better. It is important for supervisors to seek out the same information from all of their subordinates. Immediate supervisors and leaders need to teach, train, help and support their people in all areas," said Chief Cobb.

"My vision is and must be our wing commander's vision. When I interviewed for this job I found our wing leadership truly values the enlisted force. Col. Larry Stuzriem, 355th Wing commander, and Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing vice commander, both made it clear they care for the people assigned to this wing. Everyone on this base should know they are important and wing leadership is working hard to take care of their needs. I hope to proliferate the nurturing and training of Airmen to ensure they receive the quality of life they truly deserve, so they can continue to perform their duties in an outstanding manner. I have a lot to learn but still hope to share my experiences. Every Air Force member can be a leader, coach and a mentor to someone if we all share our experiences," he said.

"It is important that we, as a total Air Force, always remain ready to deploy regardless of career field. We should make every effort to ensure every man and woman assigned is deployable. We must be prepared to fight and ready to deploy. Last year I was deployed to Uzbekistan; a former Soviet Socialist Republic on the Afghanistan border. As a command chief I never imagined I would have to carry a 9-mil on my hip or repatriate fallen heroes back to America," said Chief Cobb.

"I found that it was important to be fit; physically, mentally and spiritually. To be ready and willing to fight, we must all be fit. It is impor-



**Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb**  
355th Wing command chief

tant our culture is about being in shape. As a part of being in the Air Force we must make fitness a daily standard," said Chief Cobb.

"Finally, installation stewardship is imperative. I am amazed at all of the construction going on at D-M. It is important you and I maintain the facilities and grounds to ensure we are good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars. We have been blessed here with lots of new construction; we should take care of it," said Chief Cobb. "Personnel clean up after themselves and take care of the things they have been given."

"It is important to stay the course. Accountability is crucial and to ensure the vision continues we must collectively hold others and ourselves to the high standards our Air Force profession demands," said Chief Cobb.

"Davis-Monthan has a great reputation as a premier wing in our U.S. Air Force. It is excit-

ing to be a part of the greatest Air Force in the history of mankind. As military men and women we are blessed to be able to serve our nation, our families and each other," he said. "I believe everyone deserves to work in an environment where they are treated with dignity and respect and I am excited to be a part of an organization that radiates with that kind of professionalism.

"I believe in taking care of people and being there for them. If our leaders take care of the people they will take care of the mission. Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander says, "It's our people who make it happen, day in and day out; the mission always, but people first," said Chief Cobb.

"This is the third wing I have been assigned as Command Chief and my job just keeps getting better, primarily because our people are getting better. It is so rewarding to be able to touch so many folks each day in so many different ways. Most fulfilling is to see Airmen get promoted and recognized. I feel promotion rates are a crucial grade in my report card and it is up to me to ensure the enlisted force is motivated, mentored and recognized appropriately so that people are given the ability to reach their goals. I also believe our Airmen rise to challenges every day demonstrating their loyalty and dedication and should be adequately recognized to ensure they continue to be motivated to serve," he said.

"I am so excited to be able to serve with the Airmen at D-M. I love this Air Force and its people. I may not love you the way Mom loves you but I love you because every day you put on this uniform, regardless of Air Force specialty code, you are saying that you are willing to die for my family, my nation and even ... me. I am excited to meet you," said Chief Cobb.

"Wow, I have the most rewarding job in the U.S. Air Force. I'll bet there are many folks out there who feel the same about their positions. That kind of pride and motivation makes me feel good," said Chief Cobb.

## Information security responsibility of all Airmen

Due to the number of military members who have access to classified information, unintentional disclosure of information can and does occur through unclassified systems. This situation results in classified message incidents which presents a constant threat to national security.

Information can be found in accordance with Air Combat Command Instruction 33-181, *Classified Message Incident Program*, to help individuals recognize CMI and reduce the number of occurrences.

A CMI is the presence of classified material on a system which is not approved or authorized to contain that level of classification. It may occur on SIPRNET which can contain up to but not exceed secret information and on the NIPRNET which contains unclassified information only.

If classified information is found on a workstation contact a unit workgroup manager and unit security manager to confirm classification of the information. The WM will disconnect the workstation from the network and report the incident to the network con-

trol center at 228-7253.

The WM collects information about the infected computers in their area of responsibility and assess if the user was using personal folders (\*.pst) in e-mail profiles.

Recipients and senders of the classified message should be notified. In addition users must be certain not to retransmit any classified information. Classified information should not be deleted unless instruction has been giving by the USM and continue to follow the instructions of WM and USM.

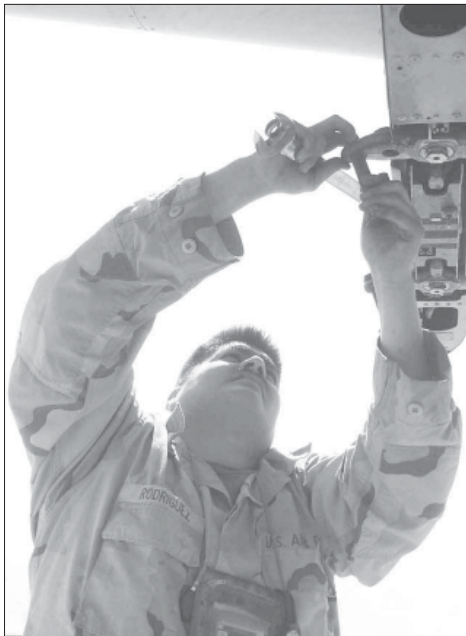
Security is an individual responsibility. With the current level of

increased awareness, it is imperative to keep the advantage on our side. It is not just up to the individual recipient or holder of the information to arbitrarily decide the importance.

The bottom line is: classified information is classified, and it should be protected as such.

For more information, about MCI awareness contact the 355th Communications Squadron information assurance office at 228-3805.

(Information for this article courtesy of the 355th Communications Squadron)



Photos by Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski

## D-M out and about

AFGHANISTAN - (Left) Senior Airman Manual Rodriguez, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group A-10 weapons loader, readies an A-10 for flare pod loading. Stateside, Airman Rodriguez is assigned to Davis-Monthan's 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. AFGHANISTAN - (Right) Staff Sgt. Shannon Walline, 455th EOG, uncoils a fuel hose from his R-11 refueling unit as he sets up for an A-10 Thunderbolt II refueling operation. Sergeant Walline is deployed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.



## Can-Do Crew looking for volunteers

The Can-Do Crew is scheduled to meet Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. There are several jobs open to volunteers, most involving yard work. This is a great opportunity to help out around the D-M community. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Tim McCormack at 228-9360.





# Don't walk by problems-stop, take action

What would you do if you were walking to your car and saw a candy wrapper and soda can sitting in the parking lot? What if the dumpster behind your office is full and the next pick up is five days away?

"Installation stewardship is one of our four primary mission elements and it directly reflects the pride we take in all we do as a part of the Desert Lightning team," wrote Col. Larry Stutzriem, 355th Wing commander in the recent Thunderbolt 04-03. "As you travel around the base, you may notice some areas that need attention and I encourage you to fix them."

If fixing the problem is not an option because of its complexity or other reasons, there is a working system which will take care of the problem. It is every person's responsibility to fix the issues they see, or to report the problem to the facility manager or the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron.

In most cases, the first contact will be the facility manager. Every facility has a primary and alternate manager as assigned by the unit commander. The contact information for facility managers should be clearly posted in each building on base. These people have the resources and training to find the solu-

tion to the problem in their facility.

If the issue is not in or near a specific facility, the next step is to contact the 355th CES' customer service desk. This is the primary office to call for general facility maintenance work requests.

From there, the quality assurance evaluator and engineering assistants associated with the service contract in question will be contacted. These people work with the civilian contractors who provide the base with services, such as grounds maintenance, refuse and custodial.

"Our QAEs are valuable experts who facility managers and commanders can use to make sure D-M gets the support it needs to keep running in top shape," said 2nd Lt. David Calkins, 355th CES, project engineer.

The QAE is available to help resolve problems between the customer and the contractor. Work requests for the QAE should be routed through CES customer service.

Different rules apply to residential areas on base, where the city of Tucson handles some functions covered by service contracts elsewhere. Concerns in housing should be addressed through the housing office where coordination and arrangements will be made.

"Installation stewardship is everyone's responsibility – don't walk by a problem!" wrote Colonel Stutzriem.

*(Information courtesy of the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron.)*

## Contact numbers:

### Housing office

For questions or concern about base family housing.....228-3687

### Civil Engineer Squadron customer service

For questions about general facility maintenance work requests.....228-3171

### Grounds quality assurance evaluator

For questions about contractor/facility manager areas of responsibility..228-4175

### Refuse (dumpster) QAE

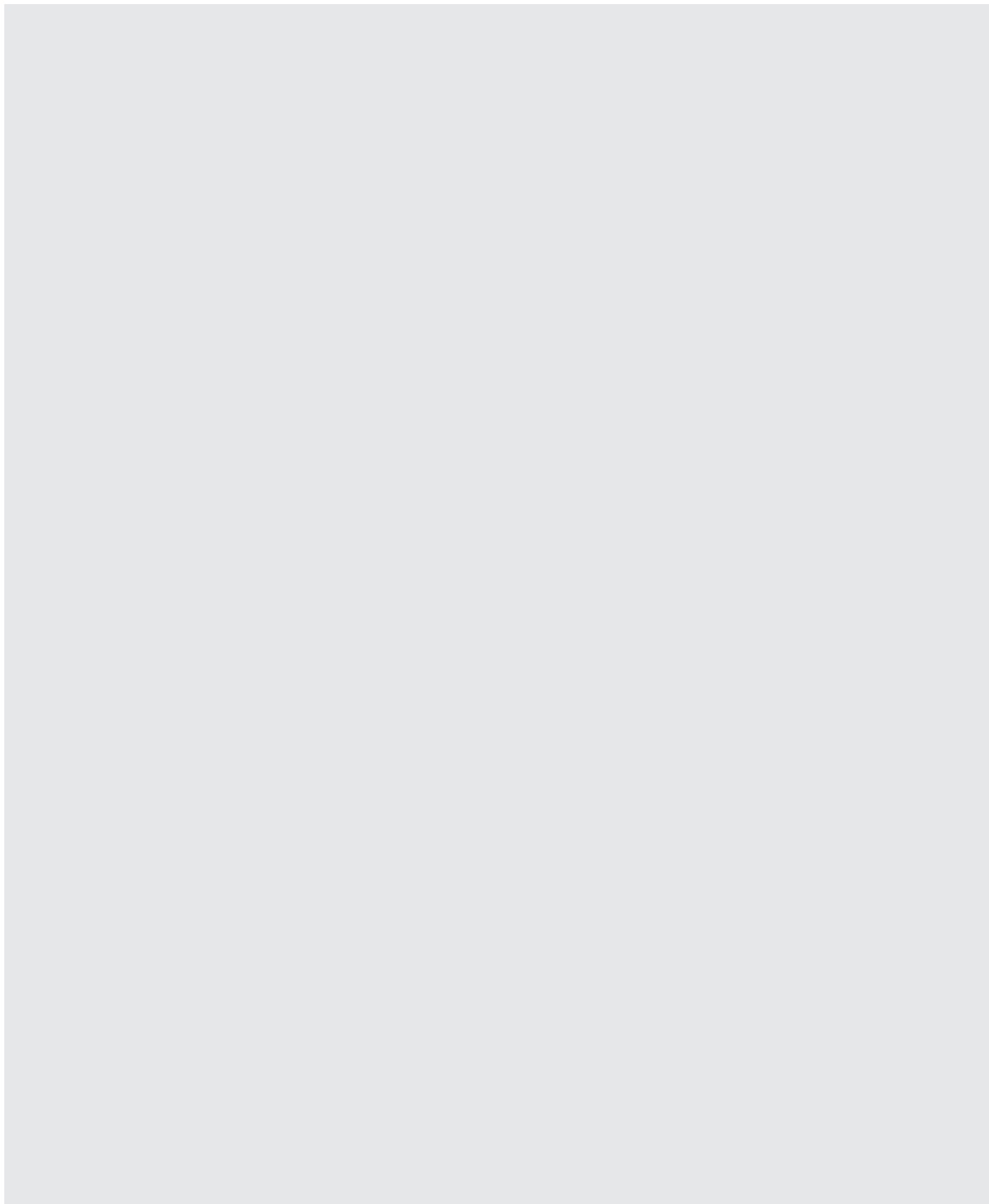
For questions about frequency of service and out-of-schedule pick-ups.....228-5322

### Custodial QAE

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### Protective coatings QAE

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# Tools of the trade - making the most of training

**Lt. Col. Wade Thompson**

*358th Fighter Squadron commander*

Although I don't know all of you, I bet you are pretty much like me. No, I don't mean a bald lieutenant colonel who insists that 5 ft. 8 in. is actually the global average height for a man. I mean you probably have a decent set of tools at home.

I figure we all probably started our tool collection in the same way - we "borrowed" a few of the basics from our parents' toolbox: a hammer, a couple of screwdrivers, maybe even an old socket set. Over the years we've added things we needed for the job at hand. Eventually, the urge to be ready for an unanticipated job takes over and we might get that compressor or that cordless circular saw we've had our eye on. We know instinctively (or through expensive re-repairs) that we've got to have the right tools to do a job right.

Well, like all good stories, this one has a

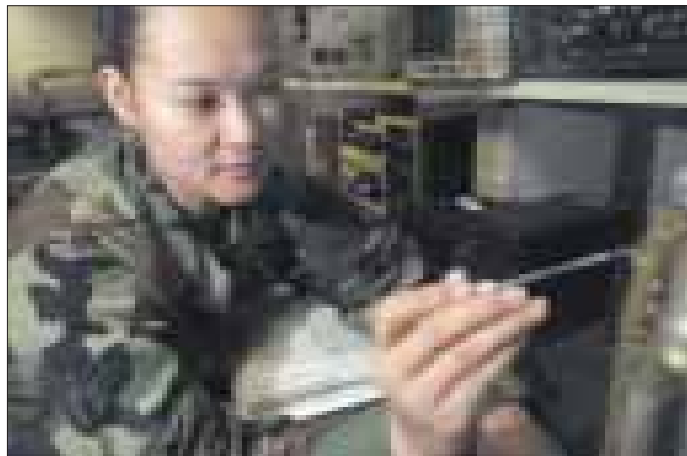
point. Our careers in the Air Force follow the same path. We show up and raise our right hands with just the tools our parents and others have bequeathed us. Then, at places like technical school, the Air Force Academy, First Term Airmen's Course, Undergraduate Pilot Training, a few of the basics are dropped into our toolkit. With these few tools, we can get by. However, as adults and professionals and in order to get the Air Force job done, we must add to our own tool collection.

The first supplements are on-the-job training and career development courses. They not only add to our tools, they let us practice using them. And then the Air Force does a wonderful thing, they give us a virtual hardware store skill/tool gift card by letting us run wild in the tool department of professional education. We aren't just limited to military specific tools, either. The tuition assistance program or the Montgomery GI

Bill for civilian education are literally like being enrolled in the Tool of the Month Club for life. For just the cost of taking the time for your tool chest to be filled.

In order to not mix metaphors, there is another tool example to be had. I'm betting very few people sign out a composite tool kit that is filled with just hammers. Because to the person with only a hammer, all problems look like nails. All of us Airmen bring different tools to the mission. We cannot afford to leave some tools in the bottom of the tool box, whether intentionally or otherwise. Not only will the job not get done, soon those tools will probably disappear. And trust me, you'll miss them, personally and professionally, when they're gone.

Please continue to expand your tool inventory, keep your tools sharp and ready, measure twice and cut once. And remember, you can always borrow a tool you need from a fellow Airman.



Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

## \$10,000 richer

Senior Airmen Charissa Gayou, from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, was recently awarded the maximum dollar amount, \$10,000, for her submission to the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program. Airman Gayou's suggestion changed a technical order concerning radar antennas being packaged incorrectly from the flightline. Her suggestion has contributed to ensuring the antenna is packaged in the proper position to prevent the damage. Last year, the 355th CMS spent over \$48,000 in exchange costs for fixing five antennas that incurred damages during shipping. The change in technical order affects not only Davis-Monthan and other Air Force bases, but several Navy, Guard and Reserve bases as well.

*Senior Airmen Charissa Gayou, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, adjusts the voltage on the power supply of a receiver transmitter.*



## Final Answer ————— If you could travel to anywhere in the world, where would it be?



**Senior Airman  
Russel Manganaan**  
355th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron

*"If I could go anywhere, I would go to Hawaii because it is warm there and I would like to be back near the water."*



**Senior Master Sgt.  
John Spronk**  
355th Aircraft  
Maintenance Squadron

*"I would go back to Europe. When you travel to Europe and see all the things they have over there it makes you realize, and be thankful for; what you have back in the U.S."*



**Staff Sgt.  
Ethan McCants**  
355th Security  
Forces Squadron

*"If I could travel to anywhere in the world, I would go to Brazil because it seems like a beautiful and exotic place to visit."*



**Capt. David Gilkes**  
355th Wing

*"Outer mongolia - even in a marco-polo kind of way it still seems like the edge of exploration."*



**1st Lt.  
Jennifer Jenkins**  
355th Wing

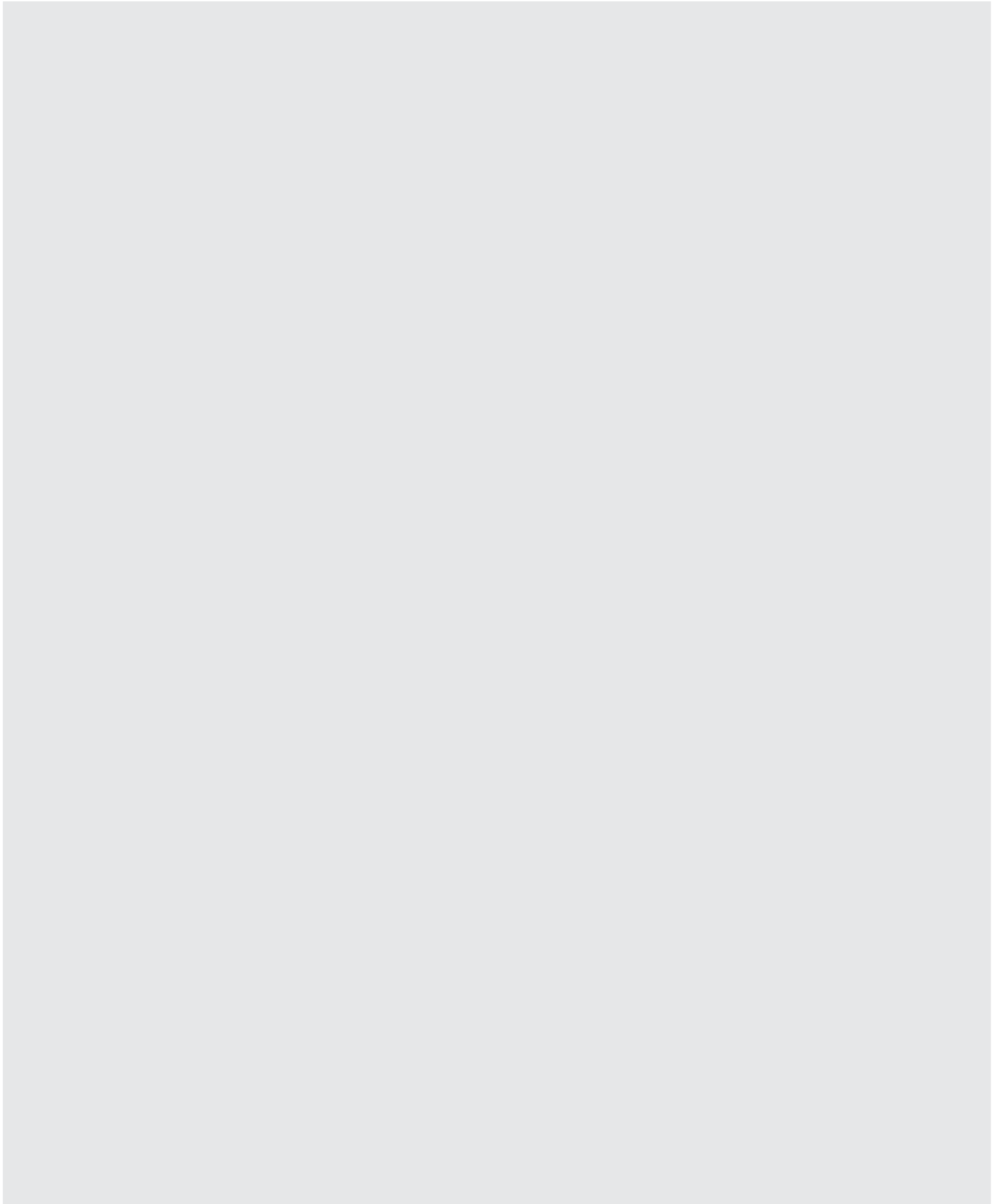
*"I would go to Belgium because I grew up as a little kid there and seeing the headquarters allied powers team in action would be an awesome opportunity."*



**Cristina Metzger**  
SATO Travel

*"Somewhere in Asia, particularly Japan or Indonesia. I want to find out more about those cultures. I've heard so many good things about them."*

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## Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)*

**Name:** Airman Daniel Nededog

**Organization:** 355th Communications Squadron

**Duty title:** Computer Security Manager

**Hometown:** Guam

**Years of service:** One

**Reason for joining the Air Force:** I joined the Air Force to prove to myself that I can live on my own. Being an independent person helps to build character.

**Main responsibilities:** Assist all base organizations and tenant units in the development and management of their computer security programs.

**Best aspects of job:** The best aspect of my job is I get to see first hand all the security

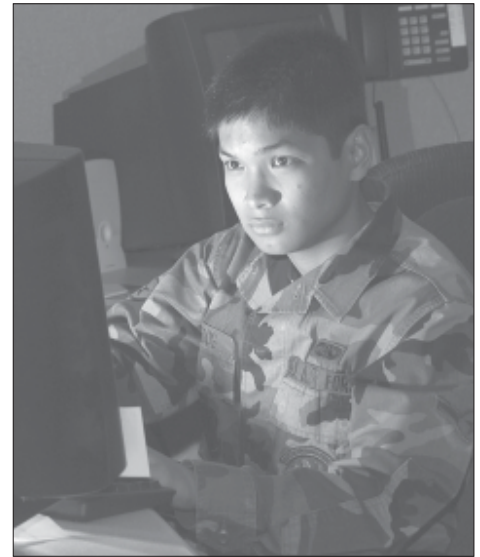
programs implemented into our networks.

**Goals:** My career goal is to get a bachelor's degree in computer science, open an automotive parts store and become a high school teacher.

**Hobbies/outside activities:** My hobbies are playing basketball, working on cars and buying shoes.

**Best assignment:** Davis-Monthan is my first assignment.

**Inspiration:** It would be unfair to choose one person who has guided me to where I am now, so I would have to say my family. Although one family member didn't make the right decision by joining another branch of the military, he ensured I made the right choice.



Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

## March Sharp Troop Awards

Congratulations to the following Davis-Monthan Airmen who were recognized by the Chief's Group as outstanding Airmen for their projection of a professional appearance, outstanding bearing and exceptional professionalism.

**Tech. Sgt. Michael Patrick**  
355th Operation  
Support Squadron

**Staff Sgt. Robert McLaughlin**  
43rd Aircraft  
Maintenance Unit

**Senior Airman Ricardo Ortega**  
612th Air  
Communications Squadron



## Take time to give

**"You must become the change you wish to see in the world."**

**-Ghandi**

### Habitat for Humanity

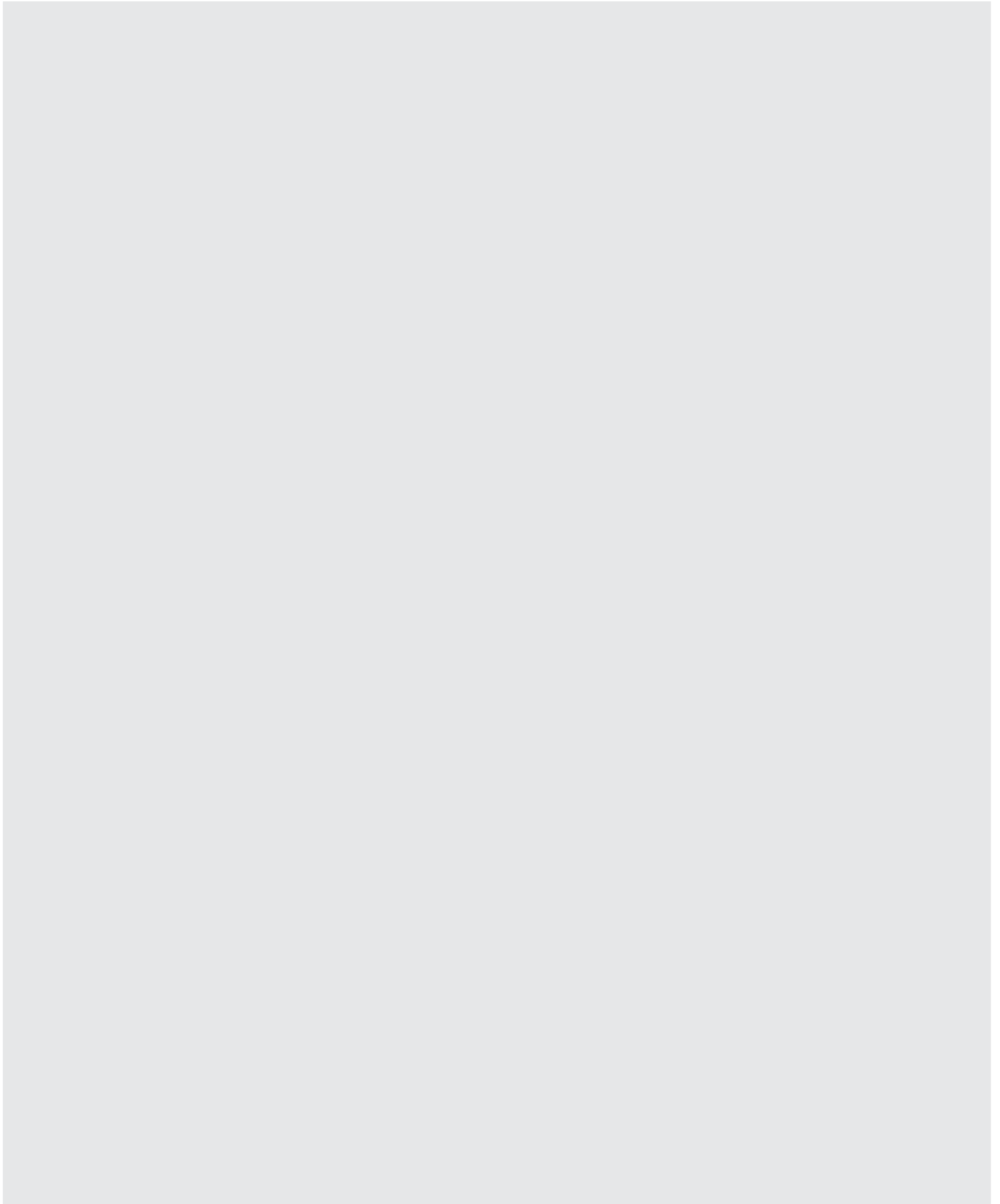
Interested in volunteering your time to help a family build their new home? Habitat for Humanity of Tucson is always looking for volunteers to help Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Contact the Davis-Monthan Habitat for Humanity volunteer coordinator, Staff Sgt. David Sublette, at [david.sublette@dm.af.mil](mailto:david.sublette@dm.af.mil) for more information.

### Medical Group Volunteers

The 355th Medical Group's new Pharmacy has added two additional windows and requires 20 new volunteers. Volunteers are also being sought for positions at the information desk at the front lobby of the clinic.

Contact John Jacobsen, volunteer coordinator, at 228-2914 for more information.





# Installation stewardship - building for the future

By 2nd Lt. Beth Tucker  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The price for progress at Davis-Monthan may be a little inconvenience, such as using detours, but the outcome will soon be worth planning a few extra minutes to get around the base every day. With installation stewardship being one of the basic mission tasks for the D-M team, every construction project contributes to the overall mission readiness and support of every D-M Airman.

"The results will be an improved base to support the mission and quality of life," said Michael Toriello, deputy base civil engineer with the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Davis-Monthan was awarded a record \$140 million for construction activity for fiscal year 2004. Progress is in all stages at D-M, from the completion and opening of the Craycroft Gate in January, to digging holes for the foundation for the new base exchange

to Fifth Street near ready for re-paving. Every project is contributing to a wide range of improvements to the base.

One of the more noticeable projects to the D-M community is the re-paving of Fifth Street.

This project began in February and is expected to be completed the first week of May, according to Mr. Toriello. The project included tearing up the old paving, laying and compacting the new base surface for the road, replacing and repairing water meters under the street and finally re-paving.

The process of each of the construction projects takes much longer than what most see. "Wing leadership tells us conceptually what they want done. For example the running track and multi-use surface," said Mr. Toriello.

From the conception of the idea, the 355th CES's engineers and architects develop a conceptual plan and receive feedback from the senior leadership. After funding is found, the 355th CES works with the 355th Contracting Squadron to make the project happen.

"The great working relationship with base contracts has resulted in a successful construction program," said Mr. Toriello.

A project to look forward to in the near future is a redesign of the Swan gate, to include a new vehicle inspection facility and curved entrance way in support of anti-terrorism force protection measures.



With the current base exchange in the background, construction for the foundation of the new BX has begun and is scheduled to be completed between February and March of 2005. The front entrance to the shops will face the Commissary to the north.

With the long list of projects in the works, D-M is changing for the better every day. And for those who have had enough road construction, Mr. Toriello says "we're pretty much done with the major roads," which will make seeing and getting around D-M much easier for all.

## Glance at current projects

### Child Development Center

Started: Oct. 2002 Completed: Dec. 2003

### Flight line sunshades

Start: June 2004\* Completion: Oct. 2004\*

### Ramp work

Started: Nov. 2003 Completed: March 2004

### Fifth Street Repair

Started: Feb. 2004 Completion: May 2004\*

### Tower jogging trail

Started: Nov. 2003 Completion: June 2004\*

### Vehicle Inspection Station

Start: Nov. 2003 Completion: Aug. 2004\*

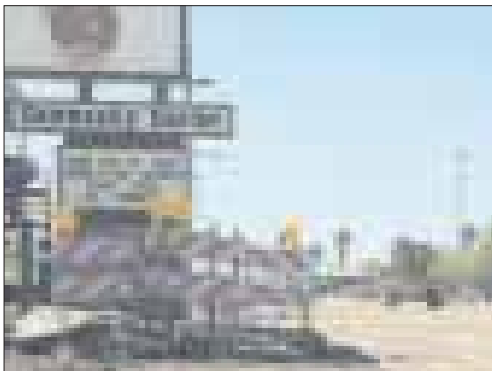
### Swimming pool

Started: July 2003 Completion: May 2004\*

### Commissary expansion

Started: Sept. 2002 Completion: Sept. 2004\*

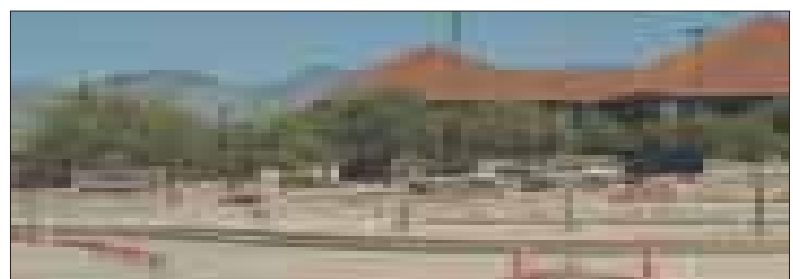
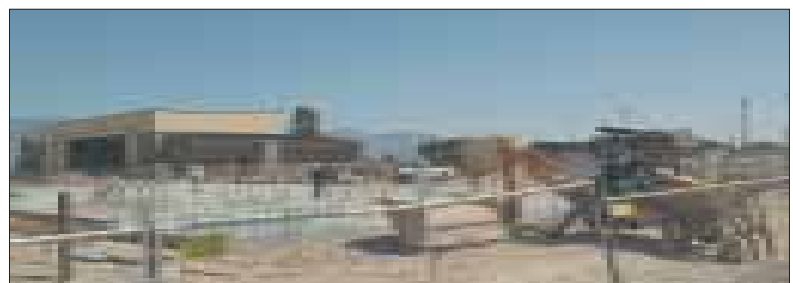
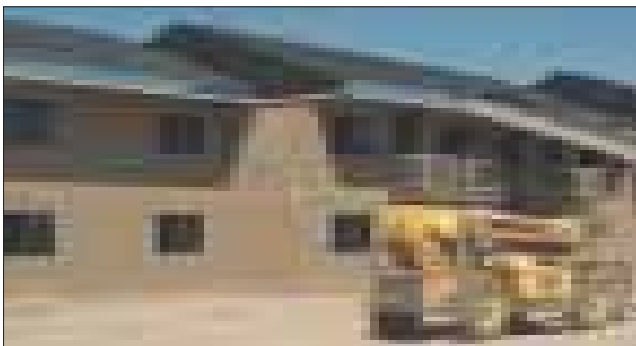
\* estimated dates subject to change



Photos by Airmen Chirstina Kinsey

The re-paving of Fifth Street is scheduled to be completed the first week of May. With just a few weeks left of enduring detour routes and construction, one of the main thoroughfares through D-M will be improved.

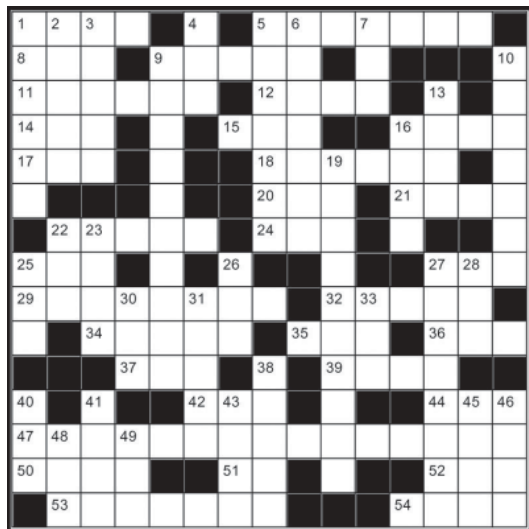
(Below) The newest dormitory will open 120 new rooms at D-M. The design with four rooms sharing a common room, is the first to open in Air Combat Command. Construction on the dorm started in April 2003 and move-in is expected in October 2004. (Bottom right) The 12th Air Force Headquarters is receiving a redesigned parking lot entrance to meet anti-terrorism and force protection standards. (Top right) One step in bedding down the new Combat Search and Rescue units at D-M, the hangar being built is scheduled for completion in October 2004.



# Around the military

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public Affairs



## Across

1. Train need
5. Washington AFB home to 62nd AW
8. Former California Army fort
9. Oklahoma AFB home to 71st FTW; a/c tail marking of VN
11. Romantic song
12. Adhesive
14. Winter danger
15. Owed
16. Apartment
17. Homer's neighbor on *The Simpsons*
18. Shah of Persia (1487-1524); Safavid founder
20. Military comm. person in the field (abbrev.)
21. Truck
22. Easter animal?
24. Snakelike fish
25. 007 writer Fleming
27. LPGA Se Ri \_\_\_\_\_
29. Missouri AFB home to 509th BW; a/c tail marking of WM
32. Drainage pipe
34. Weary
35. Duo

36. Military org. concerned with household goods
37. \_\_\_\_ Khan; hereditary spiritual head of Isma'ili Muslims
39. Story opener
42. Snare
44. Cell acid similar to DNA
47. Ohio AFB home to ASC
50. Mining vein
51. NBC television show
52. Lyrical poem
53. Mississippi AFB home to 403rd WG; a/c tail marking of KT
54. Was aware of

## Down

1. Georgia AFB home to 116th ACW; a/c tail marking of GA
2. Scavenger hunt (two words)
3. Rested
4. Angry
5. New Jersey AFB home to 108th ARW; a/c tail marking of NJ
6. Sky-blue color
7. Shade
9. California AFB home to 30th SW; a/c tail markings of HV
10. Florida AFB home to 920th RG; a/c tail marking of FL
13. Woman's magazine
16. Clenched hand
19. England AB home to the 423rd ABS
22. Military allowance (abbrev.)
23. Item
25. WWII site for 27 Medal of Honor recipients: \_\_\_\_ Jima
26. Father
27. Colorado AFB home to 302nd AW; a/c tail marking of CR
28. Appendage
30. Actress Carrere of *Wayne's World*
31. Intended
33. Period of time
38. Whitewater independent counsel
40. Pointed tool
41. Current
43. Fencing sword
45. Stem knob
46. Again
48. South Korea informally
49. Expletive denoting surprise



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# One Airman's testimony on making life changes

By 1st Lt. Rebecca Garland  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Sergeant Perry lives an improved lifestyle, and has for the last 10 months. She has lost 30 pounds, removed herself from the weight management program and increased her energy every day to work, play and live.

Staff Sgt. Kathryn Perry, 612th Air Combat Operations Squadron, began her life changes with the D-M led Ergo Busters class, now called Fitness Bootcamp; which includes work outs three mornings a week.

"I soon added a personal trainer twice a week after work, and eventually changed my diet by packing my lunch every day and not eating out so much," said Sergeant Perry. "With the trainer, diet and Ergo Busters, I'm covering all the areas I should for an all around fitness regimen. I get cardio, weight training and healthy eating."

Sergeant Perry hears daily comments from her coworkers and friends about how terrific she looks and she attributes it to all of her lifestyle changes.

"I feel fabulous. In the beginning, I couldn't even do one lap around the track, and now I can run two miles without stopping. Before, I had no desire to run, but now I do because I keep seeing improvements, which makes me feel better all the time about myself. For a while it seemed that the weight was just falling off and now I'm slowing down as I get into better shape and closer to my ideal weight."

Struggling to get started was the hardest part, said Sergeant Perry. She also believes

that making a change in routine should start from within.

"I was angry when I first went on the weight management program," said Sergeant Perry. "But I realized I did this to myself, nobody else did, so I couldn't be angry at having mandatory workouts. Instead I accepted where I was, and went to the workout classes and realized that I could make the changes for a better lifestyle without feeling resentment that I was there."

Once she got to the classes, she realized the environment was not intimidating, and instead found the people in the classes were similar to her, and all wanted to just get in shape.

"My class isn't just for people on the weight management program," said Cesar Vinueza, Fitness Bootcamp class leader, Health and Wellness Center. "I don't expect people to be on the same level when they come to the class, but I do expect them to do their personal best."

Classes started slow for Sergeant Perry, but once she created some goals, found a running partner and stayed long enough to see personal improvement, the classes just sped up, she saw an increase in her energy, she was losing weight and getting in shape.

"It's important to have goals," said Sergeant Perry. "The main thing is to focus on exercising and not so much on losing weight, or trying so hard in the beginning that you kill yourself and want to quit. It's a gradual process, so make the goals ideal for you."

"It's important to go to workout classes with the idea of improving mental and physi-



2nd Lt. Beth Tucker

Changing her life with proper nutrition and a tough fitness regime, Staff Sgt. Kathryn Perry, 612th Air Combat Operations Squadron, lost weight and gained confidence. Starting in the Ergo Busters workout class, she continues working out with the D-M Fitness Bootcamp.

cal health as well as daily energy levels," said Mr. Vinueza. "The rest will take care of itself if your goal is to just get better."

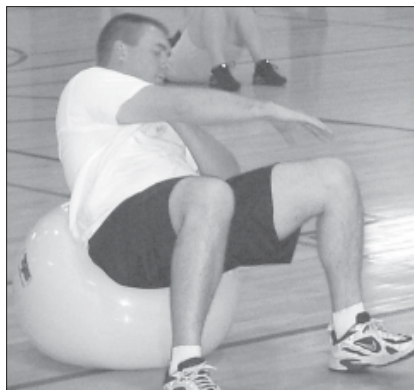
For Sergeant Perry, getting better happens every day, she looks and feels better, works better and has advice for others who want to get in shape.

"Get a workout program that is life changing," said Sergeant Perry. "If it's something you can't do for the rest of your life (i.e. diet pills, FAD diets,) then you shouldn't do it. There's a healthy, natural and fun way to get in shape, and it starts with that first fitness class."

## Fitness Bootcamp - getting in shape for a healthier lifestyle



Photos by 2nd Lt. Beth Tucker



(Left) Cesar Vinueza from the Davis-Monthan Health and Wellness Center works with Airman 1st Class Christine Bailey, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron during a recent Fitness Bootcamp on getting the maximum work out with the exercise band. (Center) Senior Airman Joshua Weyandt, 355th Security Forces Squadron, works his abdominal muscles on the fitness ball during the calisthenics portion of the class. (Right) Participants at the Fitness Bootcamp do different exercises in rotations during a recent class. The Davis-Monthan Fitness Bootcamp class is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 a.m. at the Davis-Monthan Sports and Fitness Center. It starts with 15 minutes of full body stretching, then moves into 15-20 minutes of calisthenics to work the major muscle groups and ends with working on the track. The class is open for anyone wanting to increase their fitness level and overall health. For more information about the Fitness Bootcamp classes, contact Mr. Vinueza at 228-5003.

## Sports Shorts

### Varsity baseball team

The first meeting and practice for the new Davis-Monthan Varsity Men's Baseball Team will be held tomorrow at 9 a.m. at the baseball field behind the 12th Air Force. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Carlos Salas at 228-2121 or email at [carlos.salas@dm.af.mil](mailto:carlos.salas@dm.af.mil).

### Easter 5K Run

The Easter 5K Run will be held Thursday starting at Columbia (Sunglow) Road, just inside the Swan gate. Sign up at the starting line no later than 6:45 a.m. For more information, contact the fitness center, at 228-0021.

### Thunderbolt Notification

Thunderbolt 04-02 recently put in place with the following physical training safety precautions:

◆ Joggers will not run near roadways during heavy traffic periods. The use of headphones while jogging near roadways is prohibited.

◆ PT conducted in troop formations on installation roadways will move with the flow of traffic and will have two roadguards. During hours of darkness, roadguards will have orange vests and a coned traffic wand flashlight. Slow runners will be positioned at the front of the formation and assistance will be given to personnel who fall out.

◆ Vehicle operators approaching troop formations from the front may pass at a maximum speed of 10 m.p.h. unless otherwise directed by the road guards. Vehicle operators approaching from the rear will honk their horn and wait for the road guards to motion the vehicle to pass. Move around cautiously and at no more than 10 m.p.h.

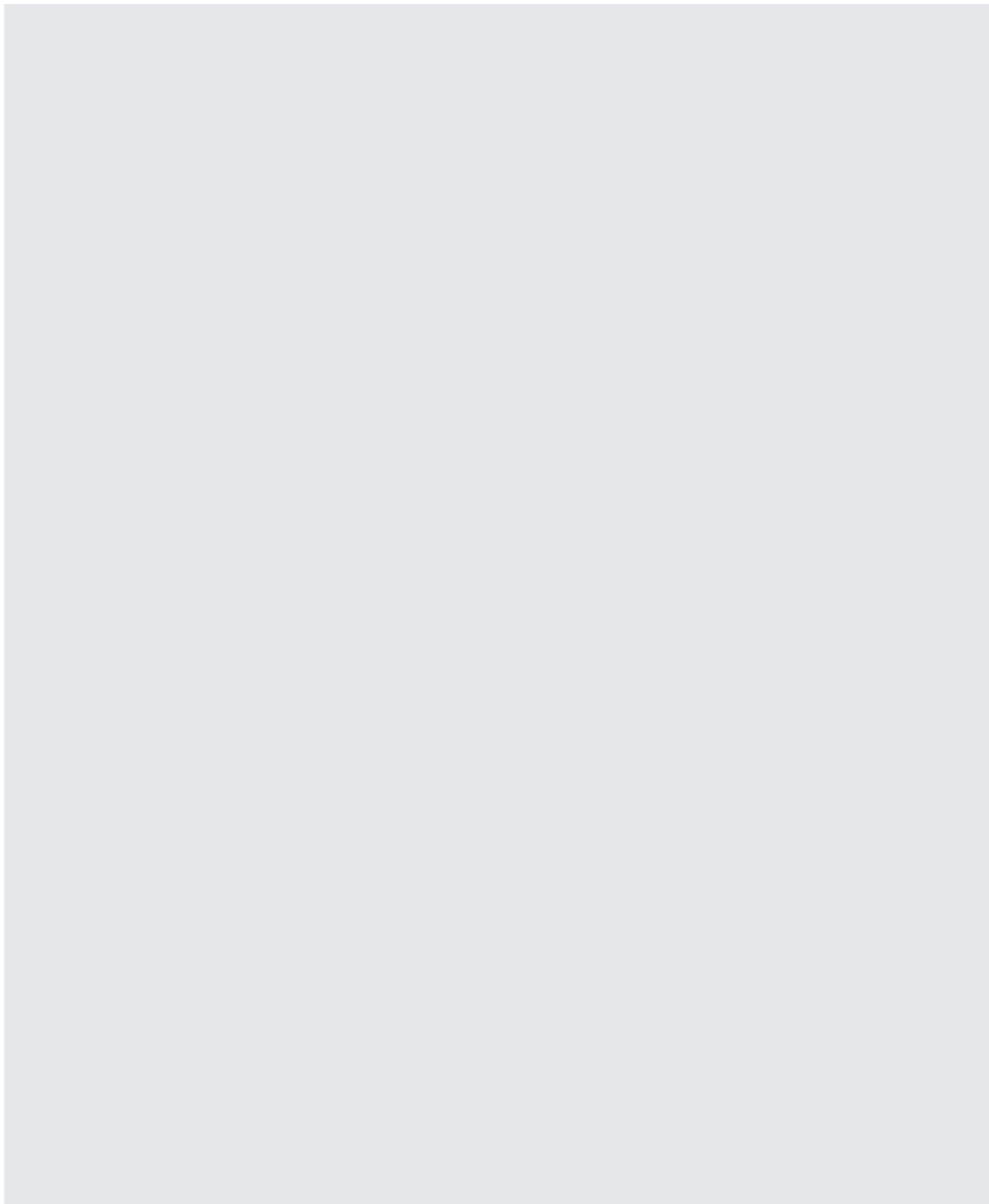
### ACC bowling championships

The D-M Bowling Center will host the Air Combat command Bowling Championships April 7 through 9. Representatives in the ACC Tourney from D-M will be Master Sgt. Jeff DeMoss, 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron and Gail Johnson, 305th Rescue Squadron, in the scratch division. In the handicap division, the representatives will be Tech Sgt. Eric Twitty, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and Staff Sgt. Karena Weston, 355th Maintenance Group.

Everyone is invited to the Bowling Center to catch some great bowling and to root on our D-M representatives or your favorite bowlers.

For more information on the ACC Championships, stop by or call the D-M Bowling Center at 228-3734.





## Chapel Information

The following are services and activities offered by the D-M chapel during the Easter holiday. Location is at the Desert Dove Chapel, 5385 E. Ironwood, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 228-5411.

### Catholic Services during Holy Week

**Today:** Live Stations of the Cross at Hope Chapel at 5:30 p.m.

**Monday:** Holy Monday Chrism Mass, 6:30 p.m. at the Saint Augustine Cathedral.

**Thursday:** Evening Mass of the Lords Supper, 7 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Hope Chapel from 8 to 10 p.m.

**April 9, Good Friday:** Live Stations of the Cross at Hope Chapel at 3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7 p.m.

**April 10, Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.

**April 11, Easter Sunday:** Mass at 7:30 and 10 a.m.

### Protestant Easter celebration

**April 9, Good Friday:** Noon at Hope Chapel.

**April 11, Easter Sunday:** Sunrise Service on the Desert Dove Chapel Lawn at 6 a.m. followed by a fellowship breakfast. Contemporary Service Easter Celebration at 9:45 a.m. at Hope Chapel. There will be a musical multimedia presentation and continental breakfast following the service and Easter baskets for the kids. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. and the Gospel/Inspirational Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

## Education Services

### Troops To Teachers

The Troops To Teachers home page at [ProudToServeAgain.com](http://ProudToServeAgain.com) lists 27 regionally accredited colleges and universities which offer distance-based, teacher certification programs. Specific characteristics of the programs vary greatly. Some offer all courses at a distance, while others have different requirements. Point of contact is Rich Schram at 1-800-231-6242, extension 163.

### University of Phoenix

Earn your degree 100 percent online with the University of Phoenix. Take one course at a time, each lasting 5 to 6 weeks. All instructors have a Master's or Doctoral degree and work in the fields they teach. Financing is available through military tuition and the Montgomery GI Bill Top Up Program. A degree can be completed in two to three years. Point of contact is Derek Anglin at 1-800-366-9699, extension 8863.

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The paper copy of the FAFSA for July 1 through June 30, 2005 is available at the Base Training and Education Services Office located in Building 3200, Room 262. The

FAFSA is used to apply for federal and state grants, work study and loans and is available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### Law School Admissions Test

University of Arizona is offering a comprehensive 28 hour in class review and 30 hour home study course on the LSAT Preparation Course. Session 4 is May 15 to Jun 5. Classes meet Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check for location when registering. Registration fee is \$400 and the deadline is three working days before the session begins. For more information, or to register, call 621-4548.

## Family Support Center

### Hearts Apart Welcome Home Banners

Come join the fun and make a banner to welcome home your spouse from their deployment Tuesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hope Chapel. All supplies, pizza and refreshments are furnished but you must be registered in Hearts Apart and have reservations for the event. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Pre-separation Counseling

This class will take place at the family support center Tuesday and April 20 from 9 to 10 a.m. This is mandatory for military members and will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 10 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating, retiring or, in special circumstances, as soon as possible. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Smooth Move

There will be a Smooth Move briefing Wednesday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266, to help individuals prepare for their next permanent change of station. For reservations, call 228-5690.

### Hearts Apart Easter Egg Hunt

If your spouse is deployed or on a temporary duty assignment, call and register for the Hearts Apart group. Join the fun at Bama Park April 10 from 10 a.m. to noon for an Easter egg hunt, free food and drinks. To make reservations by Wednesday, call 228-5690.

## Happenings

### Gold Star Wives of America

Gold Star mothers are invited to the Gold Star Wives of America Southwest Region Conference April 16 to 18 at the Hilton Hotel, 7600 East Broadway. For reservations, call Carolyn Dake at 326-0823.

### Desert Homeschoolers

The Desert Homeschoolers of D-M is an inclusive support group for homeschooling

families assigned to D-M. For more information, contact Renee 745-2701, or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeschooldm/>.

### Home Buying Workshop

The Housing Management Office will sponsor a Home Buying Workshop April 9 from 8 to 10 a.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club for active duty, spouses, retirees and DoD civilians. Information includes the home loans for Veterans program, how to be financially ready, pitfalls to avoid and the escrow title search process. Door prizes and refreshments available. For reservations, contact Tina West at 228-5548 or [sally.west@dm.af.mil](mailto:sally.west@dm.af.mil).

## Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for DoD ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

### Friday: Against the Ropes (PG-13)

Jackie is the daughter of a trainer who grew up in a downtown Detroit gym alongside her uncle, a fighter himself. Now, at 36, she is trying to make her mark in the boxing world. Her determination pays off when she meets Luther Shaw. Jackie turns him from a jail-bound punk into a streamlined prize-fighter ... and turns herself into one of the most successful female managers in boxing history.

1 hour, 20 minutes



### Saturday: Miracle (PG)

This is the true story of coach Herb Brooks who got his chance to be part of a medal-winning hockey team when he led the U.S. to a victory over the Soviets at the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid despite overwhelming odds. For a country still entangled in a decades-long Cold War with the U.S.S.R., the victory is seen extremely patriotic by the U.S.

2 hours, 15 minutes



### Sunday: Catch that Kid (PG)

Twelve-year-old Maddy and her father have always shared a love for mountain climbing. Their hobby, however, has a disastrous effect when an accident on Mount Everest injures his spine, paralyzing him forever unless he gets a very expensive operation. Determined to raise the money to pay for it, Maddy decides to recruit two of her friends to help her break into the super-high-tech bank in an attempt to rob the funds her father needs.



## Services Activities

### FedEx Shipping

The Desert Lightning Community Center offers FedEx shipping. Priority Overnight is available with delivery by 10:30 a.m. the next day in most areas. It is recommended that packages be at the community center no later than 2 p.m. for it to go out the same day. Packages delivered after 2 p.m. will not go out until the next business day. For more information, call 228-3317 or 228-3500.

### Cabanas April lunch special

Cabanas at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club has a new lunch special for April. Mondays through Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. enjoy a barbecue beef brisket sandwich with fries or tossed salad and a soda for \$5.95. With a Services Buck, the cost is \$4.95. For more information, call 747-3234 or 745-2415.

### Teen Easter Egg Hunt

Teens will hunt for Easter eggs with flashlights at the youth center Thursday from 8 to 9 p.m. Prizes will be awarded and one lucky teen will win tickets for two to Universal Studios in California for finding the golden egg. For more information, call 228-8484.

### Youth Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a youth Easter Egg Hunt April 9 on the patio lawn of The Mirage Officers' Club. The time for children 3 and 4 years of age is 9 a.m., for children 5 and 6 years of age is 9:30 a.m., for children 7 to 9 years of age is 10 a.m. and for children 10 to 12 years of age is 10:30 a.m. Children under the age of 3 will receive a gift from the Easter Bunny. Participating youth will be given a card and must find the one egg with the same color and design as the card. This will not be a race or a contest. Each child will receive an Easter gift treat bag. For more information, call 228-8484.

### Easter Brunch at The Mirage

The Mirage Officers' Club will host an Easter brunch April 11. There will be two sittings; one from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and one from 1 to 3 p.m. Reservations are requested and encouraged. Brunch is open to all ranks. Cost is \$19.95 for adults, \$11.95 for ages 6 to 12 years and free for kids under 5 years. Members receive a \$3 discount. For more information or to make a reservation, call 228-3301.

### Roosevelt Lake Fishing Trip

There is a fishing trip to Roosevelt Lake April 10 and 11. Once camp is set up, participants will be able to fish and enjoy the lake as they wish. There will be sunfish, bluegill, trout, small and large mouth bass, flathead and channel catfish and crappie. Everyone will be responsible for their own food, drink



*Della Thielke, 355th Services Squadron, assists Staff Sgt. Hans Trower, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, with paperwork for a going away memento he would like to have framed for a member of his shop. The arts and crafts center's framing shop has framed a wide variety of items including posters, bows and arrows, parts of aircraft, bullets and more for members of the D-M community.*

Stephanie Ritter

### Framing classes

The arts and crafts center has a framing class that consists of two sessions. In the first session, held April 22, participants learn how to cut and join their own frame. In the second session, held April 29, par-

ticipants learn cover sizing, how to cut the matts and glass for a frame and assembly of the finished piece. The class is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and costs \$20, which includes all supplies. For more information on the frame shop, or to sign up, call 228-4385.

and live bait. All other fishing gear and camping equipment will be provided. The cost is \$25 and includes camping gear, fishing gear, boats, camping fees and transportation. For reservations, call 228-3736.

### Spring Fling Crafts Fair

There is a Spring Fling Crafts Fair, Salsa Making Contest and Car Show April 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bama Park. The day will begin with a 15K Bike Ride followed by the Crafts Fair, Salsa Making Contest and Car Show. Food will be available for sale along with gifts and craft items. Trophies and prizes will be given to winners of the Car Show and Salsa Making Contest. Spring Fling registration deadlines are today for craft vendors and April 9 for the Car Show and Salsa Contest. To register, craft vendors, salsa contestants and car show entrants need to stop by the skills development center in Building 4531. For craft vendors or salsa contest information, call the arts and crafts center at 228-4385. For Car Show information, call the auto skills center at 228-3614 or 228-4930 or 355th Wing Safety at 228-5342.

### Scrapbooking Class

Let your creativity flow at the arts and crafts center during the April 10 Scrapbooking Class. Come and learn the technique of "Distressing" by Vicki Corlett. The classes run from 1 to 3 p.m. and cost \$10 for new students and \$8 for returning students and includes all supplies. For more information, or to register, call 228-4385.

### Nogales shopping trip

Nogales, Mexico is a festive Mexican marketplace and a shopper's paradise. This

trip leaves at 8 a.m. April 24. Remember, haggling is the name of the shopping game. There are also many restaurants to choose from on either side of the border. Cost is \$15 and includes transportation, which will take about one hour. You must have ID for proof of citizenship. The trip will be leaving Nogales at 3 p.m. Everyone is responsible for their own food and drink. For more information, call 228-3736, 228-3700 or visit outdoor recreation in Building 4430.

### Children's Workshop

Let your kids' creativity flow at the arts and crafts center's Children's Workshop April 24. Experienced crafters supervise all of the classes. Bring children by the center this month to make a pot full of flowers for Mother's day. The classes run from 1 to 3 p.m. and cost \$6, including all supplies. To sign up, call 228-4385.

### D-M Library Web site

The D-M Library Web site at <http://www.dmlibrary.org> has the information you want, quickly and in the format that suits all your needs. Once there, select research and you will see a list of online databases. Select Jane's Online to see a complete collection of Jane's Defense, Aerospace, Transportation and Security information. For more information, call 228-4381 or visit the library.

### Administrative Professional's Day

April 21 is Administrative Professional's Day. As a way to say thank you for everything they do, give them a basket full of goodies from the selection at the arts and crafts center. On-base delivery will be available April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.